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SUBJECT: 61ST ECOSOC: ITEM 4, REGIONAL COOPERATION

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1. THE G-77 HAVE NOW AGREED ON A DRAFT COMBINING FEATURES OF THE TWO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON THE SUBJECT OF REGIONAL COOPERATION PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT IN REFTELS. THE RESULTANT RESOLUTION, PUBLISHED IN DOCUMENT E/L 1731 HAS NOT YET BEEN OFFICIALLY INTRODUCED, BUT PROBABLY WILL BE ON MONDAY, AUGUST 2. IN ANTICIPATION OF THAT, THE NIGERIAN DELEGATION, WHICH IS FLOOR-MANAGING THE RESOLUTION, HAS REQUESTED OUR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT. THE DELEGATION HAS GIVEN THEM PRELIMINARY COMMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE PRESENT DRAFT REPRESENTS SOME IMPROVEMENT OVER PREVIOUS DRAFTS (FOR INSTANCE THE UMBRELLA LANGUAGE IN OP PARA 29, BUT THAT PROBLEMS REMAIN,

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ESPECIALLY IN OPERATIVE PARAS FOUR AND FIVE.

2. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO CLEAN UP THESE PARAS 4 AND 5.
IF THE GENERAL TONE OF THE RESOLUTION CAN BE CORRECTED
TO PROVIDE STEP-BY-STEP CONSULTATION WITH UNDP AND
ESA IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH DECISIONS OF THE UNDP
GC, WE WOULD HOPE TO WORK OUT CONSENSUS AGREEMENT
ON THE RESOLUTION. THE DELEGATION WOULD WELCOME ANY
FURTHER VIEWS OF THE DEPARTMENT ON THIS COMPOSITE DRAFT.

3. QUOTE: DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY NIGERIA ON BEHALF OF
THE GROUP OF 77

STRENGTHENING OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS FOR REGIONAL AND
INTER-REGIONAL CO-OPERATION

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING ITS MANY RESOLUTIONS AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY ON THE DECENTRALIZATION OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ACTI-
VITIES AND THE STRENGTHENING OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, IN-
CLUDING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 1709 (XVI) OF 19 DECEMBER
1961 AND 1823 (XVII) OF 10 DECEMBER 1962 AND COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS
793 (XXX) OF 3 AUGUST 1960, 1442 (XLVII) OF 31 JULY 1969,
1896 (LVII) OF 1 AUGUST 1974 AND 1952 (LIX) OF 23 JULY 1975,

NOTING THAT SLOW BUT STEADY PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THE DE-
CENTRALIZATION OF THE OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES BY THE ARRANGEMENTS
MADE BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOP-
MENT PROGRAMME AND THE SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR THE REGIONAL
COMMISSIONS TO BE EXECUTING AGENCIES OF SUB-REGIONAL, REGIONAL
AND INTER-REGIONAL PROJECTS UNDER CONDITIONS INDICATED IN THE
COUNCIL'S RESOLUTIONS 1896 (LVII) AND 1952 (LIX).

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE REPORTS OF THE JOINT INSPECTION
UNIT ON THE REGIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM (SEE
FOOTNOTE ONE) AND ON THE DECENTRALIZATION OF UNITED NATIONS
ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND RELATED ACTIVITIES AND THE STRENGTHENING
OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS (SEE FOOTNOTE 2) AND THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT ON REGIONAL STRUCTURES (SEE FOOTNOTE 3),

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NOTING FURTHER THE PROGRESS MADE BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE
RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED
NATIONS SYSTEM IN ITS CONSIDERATION IN PARTICULAR OF STRUCTURES
FOR REGIONAL AND INTER-REGIONAL CO-OPERATION,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS HAVE BEEN
ADOPTING THEIR WORK PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES TO CONFORM TO
THE DECISIONS OF THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSIONS OF

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS WELL ON THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES (SEE FOOTNOTE4),

RECOGNIZING, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS AND CONDITIONS OF EACH REGION, THAT THE REGIONAL COMMISSION, WITH THEIR EXPERIENCE IN PROMOTING REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL CO-OPERATION, ARE THE APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS TO ACT AS THE CENTRES FOR THE FORMULATION, CO-ORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMMES FOR THE PROMOTION ALSO OF INTER-REGIONAL CO-OPERATION, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO THE PROGRAMME OF ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS,

APPRECIATING THAT, AS INDICATED IN THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS (SEE FOOTNOTE 5), EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO CO-ORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION IN THIS FIELD AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND OF SUCH GLOBAL BODIES AS THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION, THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME AND THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME,

1. REAFFIRMS THAT THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS SHOULD BE ENABLED FULLY TO PLAY THEIR ROLE AS THE MAIN GENERAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS, AND THAT THEY SHOULD EXERCISE TEAM LEADERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR CO-ORDINATION AND CO-OPERATION AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL WITH THE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND OTHER REGIONAL OFFICES;

2. REQUESTS THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO CONSIDER, INTER ALIA:

(A) THE TRANSFER OF EXISTING REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, AND THE DELEGATION TO THEM FULLY OF THE EXECUTING AGENCY FUNCTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THESE PROJECTS;

(B) THE DESIGNATION BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND BY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AS EXECUTING AGENCIES FOR FUTURE UNITED NATIONS SUB-REGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTER-REGIONAL OPERATIONAL PROJECTS AND THE INCLUSION OF THE COMMISSIONS IN THE LIST OF EXECUTING AGENCIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH PROJECTS;

(C) THE ORGANIZATION BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, ON A REGULAR BASIS, OF MEETINGS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CO-ORDINATING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS;

(D) ARRANGEMENTS FOR ENSURING THAT REGIONAL VIEWS ARE DULY REFLECTED IN THE DEBATES IN THE SECOND COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

3. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE ADEQUATE PROVISION OF RESOURCES NEEDED BY THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS FOR CARRYING OUT THEIR ACTIVITIES EFFECTIVELY, TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO BE PRESENT DURING THE DEBATES OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE BUDGETS OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS;

4. RECOMMENDS, WITHOUT PEJUDICE TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS AND CONDITIONS OF EACH REGION, THAT THE EXECUTIVE HEADS OF SUCH GLOBAL ORGANIZATIONS AS THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION, THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME AND THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME SHOULD INTENSIFY THEIR CO-OPERATION WITH THE SECRETARIATS OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS WITH A VIEW TO MAKING THEM CENTRES FOR THE FORMULATION, CO-ORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMMES FOR THE PROMOTION OF CO-OPERATION AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESPECTIVE REGIONS;

5. REQUESTS THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, AT THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL LEVEL, TO WORK OUT A PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS IN THE FIELD OF CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE RELEVANT DECISIONS OF THE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF THE GROUP OF 77 IN MEXICO CITY IN 1976 AND THE CONFERENCE ON TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO BE HELD IN ARGENTINA IN 1977;

6. REQUESTING FURTHER THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SUBMIT TO THE COUNCIL AT ITS SIXTY-THIRD SESSION PROPOSALS FOR STRENGTHENING THE SECRETARIATS OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO ENABLE THEM TO PROMOTE EFFECTIVELY CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT THE REGIONAL AND INTER-REGIONAL LEVELS.

(FOOTNOTES: (1) E/5727 AND ADD.1 AND 2; (2) E/5607 AND CORR. 1 AND ADD.1 AND 2; (3) E/5801; (4) GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 5201 (XXIX) OF 12 DECEMBER 1974; (5) E/5835.

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